

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LAURA A EDWARDS, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. [12-cv-04868-WHO](#)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY  
COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS SHOULD  
NOT BE SANCTIONED**

On August 14, 2013, the Court held a hearing on the Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint (Dkt. No. 47), as well as a case management conference. Dkt. No. 55. Although counsel for the defendants appeared to argue the motion, neither counsel for the plaintiffs, Jeremy J. Alberts or Batkhand Zoljargal, appeared to defend against the motion.

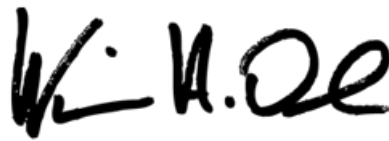
At the hearing, as reflected in the Civil Minutes, the Court ordered the parties to hold a teleconference with the alternative dispute resolution unit within two weeks to discuss whether an ADR process may prove beneficial. A teleconference was scheduled for August 27, 2013. Dkt. No. 57. Although counsel for the defendants appeared, neither counsel for the plaintiffs appeared despite multiple attempts by the ADR unit to contact them, nor have counsel for the plaintiffs explained their absence.

The lack of diligence which counsel for the plaintiffs have shown in prosecuting the plaintiffs' case and their disregard for the Court's order to participate in the ADR conference is unacceptable. The Court ORDERS Jeremy J. Alberts and Batkhand Zoljargal to show cause why they should not each be sanctioned \$250.00 given their failure to follow the Court's order, their

1 lack of professional courtesy and disrespect towards opposing counsel and the Court by failing to  
2 appear at Court-scheduled hearings/telephone conferences, and, most importantly, their failure to  
3 dutifully represent their clients' interests. Counsel shall respond to this Order to Show Cause no  
4 later than September 9, 2013.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

6 Dated: August 28, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Orrick", written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM H. ORRICK  
United States District Judge